

ABSTRACT

A method and system for graphical administration of security policies in a computer system includes: displaying a graphical representation of at least one subject; displaying a graphical representation of at least one object; displaying a graphical representation of a security policy; and dragging and dropping the graphical representation of the at least one subject and the graphical representation of the at least one object into the graphical representation of the security policy, where the dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access to the at least one object under the security policy. Graphical representations of subjects, objects, and policies are used in a graphical user interface (GUI). A user can administrate the subjects and objects by performing a "drag and drop" of their graphical representations into the graphical representation of a policy. In this manner, users need not have extraordinary training or skills to administrate security policies.